

\$100,000,000 LOAN FOR CITY CONSIDERED

Councils' Subcommittee Drafts Bill for a Special Election

DEBATE IT TOMORROW

Finance Committee to Take Final Action Then, When Amount May Be Cut

The Subcommittee on Appropriations, headed by Select Councilman Charles Seeger, of Councils' Finance Committee, has had drafted a bill authorizing the Mayor to call a special election on the question of increasing the city's indebtedness by \$100,000,000. This sum, if it were borrowed by the city, would be the largest ever sought by the municipality. The largest loan in the past was the \$10,000,000 loan of 1904.

The subcommittee considered the question this afternoon and fixed the amount of \$100,000,000 tentatively, it being probable that the Finance Committee will meet at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when it will cut down the figure. The loan is intended for permanent improvements during the year 1916.

The subcommittee considered the water-front development, including the extension of the Broad street subway, extension of the water system, building of new streets and improvements of streets, etc. The loan had been expected not to exceed \$25,000,000, and the report of the Finance Committee was considering amended even Organization men at City Hall today.

The plan of the subcommittee was interpreted as an evidence that the Finance Committee was preparing to lose no time in preparing for an enormous extension of the city's loan, and that to put through its program it did not intend to wait for the approval of the Mayor. It was prepared to pass the measure over the Mayor's veto and have the process of obtaining the money well on its way when Mayor-elect Smith takes office.

POLICE HAVE SOME GOATS

They Are Charged With Disturbing the Peace—Patrol Used to Arrest Them

They have some one's goats literally locked in a cell in the 15th street and Snyder avenue station today. The goats are charged with disturbing the peace. When Policeman Light tried to place them in captivity he thought they were heard with dynamite.

He heard them bleating near 15th and Mifflin streets early in the morning, and considered how he would hate to be awakened from sound sleep at that time of day. Then he did for others what he would have liked them to have done for him. He started to take the animals away.

A goat is not easily captured, and it is still more difficult to capture two of them. Therefore, Light sent a hurry call for the patrol wagon. When it arrived the sergeant in charge found the policeman engaged in a catch-as-catch-can struggle with the goats. Reinforcements from the battery for the bluecoat and the goats were locked up until their owner claims them.

LANCASTER MAN KILLED

Christian Sterneman's Wife Injured in Motor Accident When He Met Death

LANCASTER, Dec. 1.—Announcement has been received from Detroit that Christian Sterneman, 25 years old, son of Christian Sterneman, of Conestoga Centre, Lancaster County, was killed yesterday in an automobile accident. His wife was seriously injured. No particulars of the accident are known here.

THE WEATHER

It looked a bit more wintry this morning than usual. There was no snow or sleet on the earth, there were no clusters of icicles hanging from roofs—but it looked like winter. The reason is simple. Today is December 1. Those two words sound colder and in print look colder than November 30. And the first day of the last month of the 1915th year was cold at its beginning. After midnight the temperature dropped down to 32 degrees. We do know this, except that we have the Weatherman's word for it. He must have been up all night.

By the way, have you resolved on what to resolve a month from today?

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness followed by light rain late tonight or Thursday; somewhat warmer tonight; moderate variable winds.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Certificate of Membership No. 1028 in the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, in the name of Charles H. Henshaw & Sons, having been lost, notice is hereby given that application will be made for a new certificate.

GEORGE J. BOSCH
PROPHETOR BOSCH PACKING CO.
Successor to CHARLES BOSCH & SONS.

FIN—Lost, sapphire and diamond ring, containing 7 diamonds and 2 square sapphires, mounted in platinum, gold stem, going from Moorestown to Academy of Music, Friday afternoon, November 26. Reward if returned to E. Caldwell & Co., 502 Chestnut st.

NECKLACE—Lost, imitation pearl necklace with diamond clasp, in red leather case, going from Broad and Chestnut to 4th and Chestnut sts., Monday, November 29. Reward if returned to J. H. Caldwell & Co., 502 Chestnut st.

DIAMOND CHAIN—Lost, 1525 Chestnut street, between 7:30 and 7:35 o'clock, a diamond circle pin, 21 diamonds and 21 sapphires; very liberal reward. Return to Henry Yodanis.

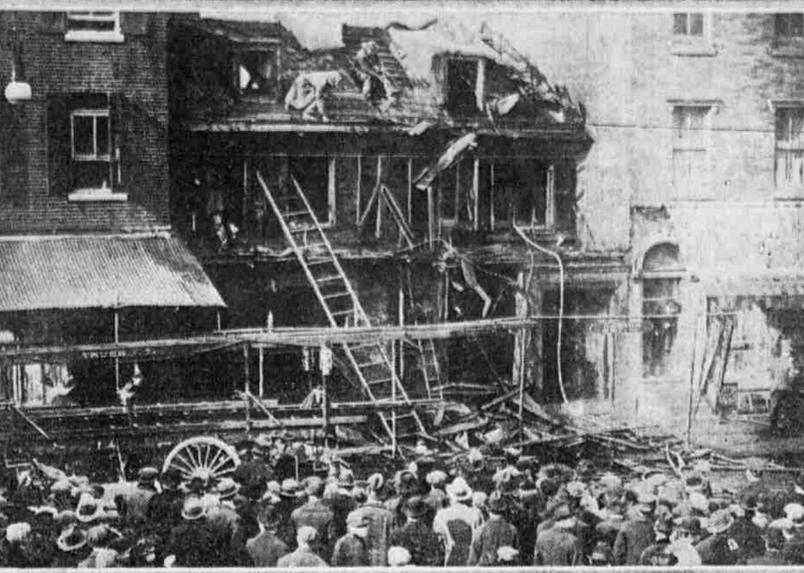
BRACELET—Diamond bracelet, containing 12 diamonds and gold mounting, containing 21 stones, the Broad Street Theatre, Tuesday evening, November 30. Reward if returned to J. E. Caldwell & Co., 502 Chestnut st.

PACKAGES—Lost, Saturday night, City Line car to Chestnut Hill, packages, towel, embroidery articles, letter, etc. Ph. Ch. Hill 154.

COAT—Lost, Anson's coat, grey and white, heavy, with buttons, in Union City, Newark, Lincoln Hall, 231 N. 7th st.

Other Classified Ads on Pages 10, 12 and 14

EXCITING ACCIDENTS AT FIRE ON PASSYUNK AVENUE



Flames swept through the 2 1/2-story frame building at 704-706 Passyunk avenue shortly after noon today. The structure is owned by Abraham Jolles, a quilt manufacturer. A string of accidents made the blaze unusually interesting for spectators.

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Police Start House-to-House Search in the Northeast for Girl Who Stole Baby

OTHER BOY STILL LOST

A house-to-house search was started today throughout the northeastern section of the city for the 4-month-old baby, Louis Frederick Snyder, and the "pug-nosed, blonde young woman," as several persons have described her, who kidnapped him on Monday afternoon by napping him in the baby coach in wheeling him away in the baby coach in the street from a house on 25th and Locust streets, who was near collapse yesterday, spent a sleepless night, but bore up bravely today and surprised her neighbors by vigorously taking part in the direction of the search for the infant. She had been nursing her child and her greatest fear is that she will lose it.

The mother of the lost baby, Mrs. Louis Snyder, of 251 North Lehigh street, who was near collapse yesterday, spent a sleepless night, but bore up bravely today and surprised her neighbors by vigorously taking part in the direction of the search for the infant. She had been nursing her child and her greatest fear is that she will lose it.

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HOUSE BURNS WHILE ROTTEN HOSE BURSTS

Broken Pump on Engine Adds to Embarrassment of Fire- men Fighting Flames

SEE HITCH IN PLANS

Flames which gained great headway while firemen battled with rotten hose and a broken pump on Chemical Engine No. 22 destroyed the interiors of the two-story frame dwelling and quilt manufacturer of Abraham Jolles, at 704-6 Passyunk avenue, today. The firemen were also called upon to rescue a burning breakfast in a house five doors up the street from the first fire.

Because of the highly inflammable quilts and feathers in the house, the structure was a mass of flames before anything could be saved. H. M. Tonkin, 26 Greenwich street, who was passing at the time, rushed into the burning house and rescued Rachel Jolles, the 2-year-old daughter. Jolles and his wife and two workmen found their way through the flames and reached the street in a fainting condition.

The fire started, according to Jolles, from sparks from a motor, which he was running at the time. Engine Companies Nos. 11 and 22 were soon on the scene, but could do nothing because of rotten hose. First a hose of Engine No. 22 burst just as it was about to be turned on the building. The hose of Engine No. 11 also burst, drenching hundreds of spectators. The pump on Chemical Engine 22 was out of order and could not be started for 10 minutes.

PLOT SHIPS GOT ORDERS TO KEEP WITHIN U. S. LAW

Head of Hamburg Line Ad- mits Plans Were Made Year Before War

ORDERS IN SECRET CODE

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Dr. Karl Bueuz, managing director of the Hamburg-American Line, testified in his own defense today that he had directed scrupulous observance of all American laws in clearing vessels from American ports to furnish supplies to German warships.

Bueuz denied that he evaded customs house authorities he directed the supply ships to state false destinations in their clearance papers.

"We wanted our ships to go to their stated destinations even if they were empty of their cargoes by warships met at sea," said Bueuz.

Bueuz testified that the German Government cabled him the approximate location of each of its commerce raiders operating in the Atlantic. The supply ships, he said, then obtained clearance papers for some port near the location set by the cable.

"I knew New York was full of spies for the Allies," said Bueuz, explaining why ships were not cleared in the name of the Hamburg-American Line.

Captain Boy-Ed, German naval attaché, was familiar with all the activities of the Hamburg-American Line, and frequently visited his office while the ship chartering arrangements were being made. He denied, however, that Boy-Ed ever gave any orders. The line spent about \$1,500,000 in the enterprise, Bueuz said.

HAD WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

When court opened Justice Howe refused to strike out the testimony of Bueuz regarding the agreement between the German Admiralty and the Hamburg-American Line, whereby the steamship company was to supply German warships at sea in the event of war.

Bueuz had testified that there was such an agreement and that he was warned six months prior to July 1, 1914, that the big war was coming.

The same controversy arose when Rand asked Bueuz about a cablegram he sent to the German Admiralty in 1914.

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AUMENTA LA VIOLENZA DELLA LOTTA A GORIZIA

Centinaia di Prigionieri Presi dagli Italiani nella Zona a Nord di Tolmino

Telegrammi da Roma dicono che gli attacchi delle truppe italiane contro la linea austriaca dell'Isonzo aumentano di violenza ogni e che il generale Cadorna stringe sempre più la sua morsa ferrea attorno a Gorizia. A Roma la notizia della caduta della fortezza si attende da un'ora all'altra.

Gli austriaci stanno facendo sforzi disperati ed operano frequenti contrattacchi, ma gli italiani resistono con successo alla pressione degli italiani e mostrano da un comunicato ufficiale austriaco nel quale si legge che e' chiaro che gli italiani vogliono a qualunque costo forzare una vittoria davanti a Gorizia. Questa confessione austriaca mostra che le autorità militari di Vienna sanno bene che la fortezza non può essere più oltre difesa.

(Leggere in 3a pagina le ultime e più dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in italiano.)

ANOTHER CONSCIENCE STIRRED

Receipt of 15 Cents From Anonymous Sender Makes City Treasury Richer

Superintendent of Police Robinson today received an envelope addressed to the Bureau of Police and containing 15 cents and a sheet of blank paper.

There being nothing to indicate who had mailed the letter or for what purpose the money was intended, the coins were turned over to City Treasurer William McCooch, who placed the money to the credit of the city's conscience fund.

QUICK NEWS

REFEREES UNDER WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW

HARRISBURG, Dec. 1.—Governor Brumbaugh today appointed a board of referees under the workmen's compensation law.

RUMANIA TO SEND ULTIMATUM TO AUSTRIA

LONDON, Dec. 1.—"Rumania will send an ultimatum to Austria as soon as the Allies gather 500,000 men in the Balkans," says what purports to be a dispatch from Bucharest, given out by the Central News Agency today.

GERMANS MINE BRITISH POSITION NEAR LA BASSEE

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—West of La Bassee we mined a British position, causing considerable damage. One English and one French aeroplane were shot down and their occupants taken prisoners, the War Office reported this afternoon.

JANE ADDAMS DETERMINED TO JOIN PEACE PILGRIMS

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, stricken suddenly, today sent out word from her room at the Presbyterian Hospital that "if it is possible to persuade her physician," she will risk her life to make the trip she had planned on Henry Ford's peace ship. If not, she says she will take another liner and join the party.

MARTIAL LAW AGAINST GAMBLING IN LOUISIANA COUNTY

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 1.—Martial law was declared in Jefferson parish this morning by Governor Hall, in his fight to stamp out gambling which has been flourishing unchecked in spite of efforts by the State authorities to compel the parish officers to enforce the anti-gambling laws. Two companies of State militia were on hand to enforce order after the taking over of the parish government.

AGED SERB KING FLEES BULGARS

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—King Peter, of Serbia, fled on horseback from Prirend Sunday afternoon, the day before the Bulgars captured the town, according to a Sofia telegram received here today. With him in his flight is Prince Troubetsky, Russian Ambassador to Serbia. The King and his Russian companion were without attendants.

Prirend's capture by the Bulgars was reported in an official statement.

CANADA COMMANDEERS GREAT LAKES' FREIGHTERS

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—Canadian freighters on the Great Lakes have been commandeered by the Government for the transportation of the great grain supply recently taken over. A large part of this wheat will have to go out through American ports, the Canadian facilities being insufficient for the task.

BERNSTORFF AND LANSING DISCUSS LUSITANIA TERMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Terms of the agreement which the United States and Germany are seeking to reach over the Lusitania disaster were discussed today by Ambassador Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing. Neither would commit himself after the interview as to whether anything had been accomplished.

It was learned on reliable authority this afternoon that following today's conference Ambassador von Bernstorff sent a long cable to Berlin. It is believed that he reported on the progress of the negotiations. At the State Department the belief prevailed among officials that considerable headway had been made by Secretary Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff.

GENERAL VILLA REPTED INSANE

DOUGLAS, ARIZ., Dec. 1.—With General Villa reported insane as a result of his defeat and his whereabouts a mystery, resistance to the Mexican Government was being carried on today by Villista forces led by Rodriguez. He gained possession of the Nacozari Railroad and laid Prieta open to another attack. Villa disappeared after losing nearly a dozen men at the battle of Hermosillo. Agua Prieta was practically unproductive today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—General Funston today reported to the State Department that Villa blamed this country for his downfall and had sworn revenge himself by raiding American towns along the border.

KAISER CHEERED ON LEAVING VIENNA

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—Emperor William left Vienna last night, the Overseas News Agency announced today. A great crowd cheered the departing Kaiser and Archduke Charles Francis Joseph stood at military salute on the platform until the train disappeared. Vienna papers comment in enthusiastic terms on "the visit of their beloved and most esteemed friend and ally," says the Overseas News Agency.

ITALY'S PARLIAMENT RECONVENES

ROME, Dec. 1.—Italy's Parliament reconvened today for an important session. Nearly 200 of the members present are officers in the army and were granted leave of absence. As they attended in full uniform, the session seemed to be dominated by the military spirit. Premier Salandra is expected to make a long statement setting forth Italy's position in the conflict and defining its attitude on several international questions.

NOVEMBER EXPORTS BREAK ALL RECORDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—American foreign trade for November probably was a record-breaker, returns now coming in from the customs districts showing new high levels in exports. Figures from 13 principal districts, transmitting 91 per cent. of business recorded, already show November exports were \$308,827,599. When figures from all districts are compiled the American record—\$334,638,578 in October—probably will be passed.

FRISCO FAIR TO CLOSE SATURDAY WITH BALANCE OF \$2,281,169

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—The Panama-Pacific International Exposition will close its gates Saturday night with a net balance of \$2,281,169.89, the municipal auditorium, the Exposition's gift to the city, at its value of \$1,084,000. This amount is \$1,299,230.15 in excess of the balance of the Louis Exposition and \$947,184.85 in excess of the net balance of the Exposition.

GERMAN LOSSES IN WAR ESTIMATED AT 3,600,000

LONDON, Dec. 1.—German casualties from the beginning of the war, November 22, inclusive, are estimated at 3,600,000. The newest list maintains daily average of 9000. Entire companies of German Infantry continue to be wiped out by the wholesale, the lists prove. List No. 798, dated November 26, announces that Major General Freise, of Madgeburg, was seriously wounded and captured and that Major General von Semmern, of Blankenb., has been wounded slightly.

BRITISH DENY BLOWING UP GERMAN SHIP IN SWEDISH WATERS

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Foreign Office announces that an explosion reported on the German steamship Germania in the Baltic probably was due